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Army Attache states Masanobu Tsugi, ex-colonel on Japanese General Staff now member Foreign and Military Affairs Committee of Diet, leaving Damascus for Cairo January 22, expects see Nasser.

Tsugi told ARMA he on mission for Japanese Prime Minister to survey ME problems, particularly Suez Canal and Communist threat, results survey to have bearing on Japanese relations Afro-Asian bloc in UN. ARMA suggested he see Colonel Ashmak (repeat Ashman) in Cairo.

Tour of ME by Tsugi follows by only few weeks familiarization trip to other Arab countries by Japanese Minister to Iraq.

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